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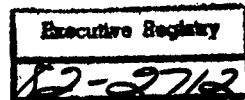
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The Honorable William J. Casey  
Director of Central Intelligence  
Washington, DC 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

It is my understanding that the only remaining copy of hearings on the National Security Act of 1947 conducted in executive session by the House Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments -- which to date has not been released -- is contained in the files of your Office of Legislative Counsel and classified "Secret". Of course, because these hearings constitute a congressional document, they are not subject to disclosure under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act and FOIA requests for them have been rejected. Nevertheless, because of the ongoing interest of scholars and the general public in intelligence activities, I believe that to the extent that their release would not in any way impinge upon our national security interests, the hearings should be made available to the public.

In this regard, I would appreciate your providing to me, at the secure facilities of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, a copy of these hearings. Further, I would ask that you have the hearings reviewed in order to determine what portions, if any, remain properly classifiable. It is my intention, should significant portions of the hearings be releasable, to introduce a Resolution in the House providing for their release.

I would also appreciate your providing me with a copy of "Legislative History of the Central Intelligence Agency -- National Security Act of 1947", prepared by the Office of Legislative Counsel and dated July 25, 1967.

Because I support changes in the Freedom of Information Act and the proposed draft Executive Order on classification, I feel that those materials which are of significant public interest and which need not be withheld for national security considerations should be made available to the greatest extent practicable. In this way, we can reassure the American public that only those materials which must be kept secret are being kept secret.

Sincerely yours,

Robert McClory  
Member of Congress

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